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## Alabama Members Have Good Consignments.

The Alabama delegation in congress have been given some good assignments on committees. Of the nine congressmen from Alabama, five have been given chairmanships of committees.

Underwood is chairman of the ways and means committee.

Clayton is chairman of the judiciary committee.

Richardson is chairman of the pensions committee.

Heflin is chairman of industrial arts and expositions committee.

Burnett is chairman of immigration committee.

Hobson, Dent, Taylor and Blackman also received good committee appointments, Hobson being on naval affairs and education, Dent on military affairs and expenditures, Taylor on rivers and harbors and banking and currency, and Blackman on post-offices and expenses of public buildings.

A Retain's Medicine—NOT A HOROCOTO

Mrs. F. Marti, St. Joe, Mich., says: "Our little boy contracted a severe bronchial trouble and as the doctor's medicine did not cure him, I gave him Foley's Honey and Tar Compound in which I have great faith. It cured the cough as well as the choking and gagging spells, and he got well in a short time. Foley's Honey and Tar Compound has many times saved us much trouble and we are never without it in the house."

City Drug Co.

Hopes For His Success.

Kyle B. Price of Elba is trying for the position of Reading Clerk in the National House of Representatives. We hope he will succeed. He is always above the average Alabamian in point of intellect and, really, deserves higher honor than the one he seeks. Let us all pull for Kyle Price.—Samson Ledger.

A Safe Medicine For Children

Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is a safe and effective medicine for children as it does not contain opiates or harmful drugs. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is in a yellow package.

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Bad Prescriptions.

When the doctors tell us that we must have whiskey or we will take opium, the lawyers and judges should tell us that we might steal a pig to keep from taking a 600-pound porker; or that the law against highway robbery should be repealed, to keep us from killing the victims for money.—Dothan Eagle.

Foley kidney Pills contain in concentrated form ingredients of established therapeutic value for the relief and cure of all kidney and bladder ailments. Foley kidney pills are antiseptic, tonic and restorative. Refuse substitutes.

City Drug Co.

People Must Economize to Pay Taxes.

To prove that the people are not already taxed as much as they can stand, the C'Neal administration has introduced a bill, and the governor is pressing for its passage to still farther increase the taxes of the people. This is made necessary by the increase in salaries and the new offices created which together will run the expenses of the state up thousands of dollars per annum. They ran on an "economy" platform, and as we understand it now, meant that the people would have to economize like the mischief to pay the taxes they would levy. They are living up to this platform alright.—Ohio Free Press.

## Good Roads Are Discussed.

### An Election This Summer For Road Improvement Possible

On yesterday a committee of representative citizens waited on the commissioners court at Enterprise in the interest of good roads for Coffee. The court promised to take the matter of calling an election on the question up tomorrow at 2:00 o'clock and decide what course to pursue.

There is much interest being taken now in the matter throughout the county, mainly among the farmers who realize that no public improvement could be made by our county commissioners that would result in as much general good to them and to all the people of the county as the building of good roads throughout the entire county.

The counties of Pike, Dale, Geneva and Covington are building good roads on the north, east, south and west of Coffee, and citizens of Coffee on the east, south-east, northeast, north, south and west leave the county and go to Samson, Coffee Springs, Hartford, Bellwood, Ozark, Arlton, Brundidge, Troy and other places outside of the county to do their trading when it would be much nearer and better if they had good roads to markets in their own county.

This matter of building good roads is of paramount importance to the county, and will contribute to the development of the county's resources and the enhancement and improvement of farm property as well as the pleasure and enjoyments of rural inhabitants.

The commissioners can call an election for the people to decide this matter for themselves, and we think they will wisely do so.

Our county commissioners are patriotic and sensible business men, and want to render the county the best services possible, and they will gladly undertake the work of building good roads for Coffee if the people want them to do so. They can do nothing until the people direct. We feel confident that the people of Coffee will favor good roads as do the people of adjoining counties and elsewhere in the state.

### More Appropriations by the Legislature.

Unless the signs are misread, says the Montgomery Journal, "the week will witness the final passage of more appropriation bills than you could shake a stick at."

Where the money is coming from to meet such reckless spending we can not at this time understand.

Tell Your Neighbors.

When in need of a cough medicine to use Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey it is the best. Look for the bell on the bottle.

For All Skin Diseases

Dr. Bell's antiseptic Salve is the best—it is a creamy snow white ointment pleasant to use and every box is guaranteed. Price 25c. at all dealers.

The farmer who gives sufficient attention to raising hogs and hominy will not have cause to worry so much over the boll weevil.

We guarantee Sutherland's Eagle eye Salve to cure common sore eyes in 24 to 36 hours. This seems strange, but it is backed by our guarantee. You run no risk and it only costs 25c.

## Location for New Baptist Church to be Selected Wednesday Night.

Sunday the committee appointed to investigate and report on a place to locate the new Baptist Church made their report, and without recommending any particular place, reported three lots from which the church may, if they think best, select a location. The three lots, with price of each, are as follows:

1. The J. M. Garrett lot east of Hotel Elba, fronting north 75 feet and running south 100 feet, at \$700.00.

2. The D. D. Knight lot, (better known as the D. C. Collinsold residence lot,) without improvements, fronting 100 feet north, and running south 115 feet, at \$800.00.

3. The east half of Mrs. B. M. Stevens' lot, fronting south 100 feet and running north 200 feet, at \$1000.00.

No action was taken by the church Sunday further than to defer the consideration of the report and the selection of a location until Wednesday night, April 5th, when a regular conference of the church will be held. It is therefore earnestly desired that there be a full attendance of the members of the church, as well as others who may wish to attend, at this conference.

The Baptists of Elba are enthusiastic in the matter of building a new church, and they will be heartily seconded in their efforts by members of other denominations in Elba, and we sincerely hope that they will succeed in meeting the urgent demand for a new church building.

If the church does not select any of the places named in the committee's report, further investigation will be made as to other places.

### WHAT IS A REAL WIDOW

This is One of The Knotty Problems The United States Supreme Court Has To Settle.

Washington, April 1.—What constitutes a widow?

An answer to this question may be expected from the Supreme Court of the United States soon. On Monday the court will listen to learned council argue the point.

If Catherine Craig, of Jefferson County, Pa., is the widow of Adam H. Schlemmer, deceased, she stands to win a judgment against the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railway Co., as the result of Schlemmer's death while working on the railroad in 1900. If she ceased to be Schlemmer's widow when she married Patrick Craig some time after her suit against the railroad was begun, it is claimed that she cannot press her suit for loss of support.

Congressman M. E. Olmstead, for the railway, filed a brief today in the Supreme Court in which he argued that a woman is not a man's widow if she is another man's wife.

Of course, you are all aware that it is very impolite to visit a person when you have not been invited. If a merchant wants you to call around and trade with him, he will invite you to do so through the columns of the local paper; if he doesn't invite you, it is nothing more than natural to suppose that he doesn't want your trade. If you do not wish to give offense, you should not intrude upon privacy.—Geneva Reaper.

The Clipper has learned of complaints that subscribers do not get their Clippers regularly. We desire to say that the fault is not with us, but with the mails somewhere. The Clippers are regularly mailed to all subscribers,

## Lynching at Union Springs

### Pike County Mob Deals Out Summary Justice to Negro Rapist.

Union Springs, April 3.—The negro, Aberdeen Johnson, alias Jack Walter, who assaulted Mrs. J. J. Butts, near Goshen three weeks ago, was lynched near here Sunday afternoon. The deed was done by about 85 men from the neighborhood of Goshen. After Deputy Ritch had gone to dinner the men covered Sheriff Jurgens with guns and handcuffed him. They then searched him for the jail keys. Failing to find these on his person three of their number went to W. E. Eastman, a blacksmith, nearby, and demanded of him the proper tools for opening the jail doors. Having gotten these they then marched on the jail and succeeded in entering. One of the mob was knocked down by the negro before he was overpowered, after which he was carried out two miles from town and strung to a tree. Both ears were cut off and the negro otherwise mutilated before his body was riddled with bullets.

The negro was caught Sunday morning about 9 o'clock and lodged in jail. Sheriff Jurgens had hopes of turning him over to the sheriff of Pike county, but the mob from Goshen were afraid the governor would send out troops on the afternoon train to convey the man to Montgomery and they did not want to run any risk of letting him get away from them. They stated that they would have preferred to carry him to the scene of his crime for the execution.

Was Heinous Crime.

The lynching followed the storming of the Bullock county jail here by the citizens of Pike county and the sheriff of Bullock was handcuffed and tied in the jail after the mob departed with the prisoner. Judge Singleton, of the circuit court pleaded with the mob before the jail was stormed to let the law take its course but this was without avail. He was hooted down.

The crime of which the negro is charged was a heinous one. On March 3 last he appeared at the home of Mrs. J. J. Butts, near Goshen, while her husband was away and at the point of a pistol, compelled her and her two little children to accompany him into the woods back of the house. Here he assaulted the woman and then told her he was going to kill her and the children to prevent her telling her husband or friends. She appealed to the negro for the lives of herself and children, telling him that if he would accompany her back to the house she would give him \$200 she had in a trunk there and would not tell anyone of the crime.

He consented to the plan, leaving the children behind, they walked back to the house. When Mrs. Butts opened the front door, she ran quickly in, and slammed the door in his face, locking it. She quickly secured a pistol and fired through the door, the negro returned the fire, both receiving slight flesh wounds. After emptying his gun the negro became frightened and fled. For almost a month he has been at large with officers and posses scouring the surrounding country for him. He was captured Sunday morning about 8 o'clock near Union Springs and placed in the Bullock county jail.

News of the capture quickly spread and a mob was formed ear-

ly at Goshen. They took the Central of Georgia train to Union Springs, arriving there about ten o'clock. The mob was slow in forming up their plans and the sheriff of Bullock county called up the governor at Montgomery over long distance telephone, asking for troops. The governor had the riot call sounded in Montgomery immediately but while the soldiers were gathering in their armories there, the mob had stormed the jail and secured the prisoner.

### Commissioners of Geneva Friendly to Reaper.

The commissioners' court of Geneva County has designated the Geneva County Reaper as the official paper and printer for Geneva County. The proceedings of the commissioners' court are regular printed in detail, and all books and stationery are supplied to the county officers.

Editor Wilkerson of the Reaper has the following to say in regard to the matter:

"Since the Commissioners' Court has designated the Geneva County Reaper as the official paper and printer for Geneva County we have gone to no little expense in equipping the office to do the work which formerly went to St. Louis, Birmingham and Nashville. We have just turned out the assessment lists for 1911, which were burned in the recent court house fire, and three days after the fire the assessor had a portion of his new lists and was busy making a new assessment. Had this work been sent to St. Louis, as formerly, the lists could not have been obtained in less time than thirty days. The assessment lists for 1912 are now in course of preparation in the Reaper office, and the tax books for this year are completed. We are just a little proud of the work on the tax books, as they are bound in morocco, with gold lettering on the covers. Before our advent in Geneva county no home printer has ever essayed to do this work, but when we took charge of this plant we promised the people to give them a first-class printing house, and we are doing it. The consequence is that much money which heretofore went out of the county, never to return, now stays right here and goes to build up the business interests of the county."

For tetter, ringworm, eczema, running sores and all skin disease Dr. Bell's Antiseptic Salve is guaranteed to give satisfaction or you get your money back—25c everywhere.

A rapid expenditure of the energies of life will soon result in disease and death. "Be ye temperate in all things" was once a popular phrase.

A Sunday newspaper is non christian for it does not "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

The Alabama Educational Association meets at Mobile on the 18th of April.

The B. Y. P. U. Convention will be held at Prattville, Ala., on the 11th, 12th and 13th of April.

For Sale.

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APRIL

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**148 PERSONS PERISH IN A NEW YORK FIRE**

Victims Caught Like Rats In a Trap.

SCORES LEAPED TO DEATH.

New York Experiences One of Most Disastrous Fires, So Far as Loss of Life is Concerned, Since General Slocum Disaster.

One hundred and forty-eight persons—ninety-nine of them girls from the East Side—were crushed to death on the pavement, smothered in smoke or choked in a factory fire, the worst disaster New York has known since the steamship General Slocum was burned to the water's edge, off North Brother's Island, in 1904.

One hundred and forty-one bodies were removed from the ruins, and seven of the forty injured died in hospitals. This, it is believed, completes the list of dead, most of whom are unidentified. Grief-stricken relatives besieged the morgue as the bodies were laid out.

Nearly all, if not all, of the victims were employed by the Triangle Waist Company, on the eighth, ninth and tenth floors of a ten-story loft building at No. 23 Washington Place, on the western fringe of the downtown shopping district, for and millinery district.

The partners of the firm, Isaac Harris and Max Blanck, escaped unscathed from the office on the tenth floor, carrying with them over an adjoining roof Blanck's two young daughters and a governess. There was not an outside fire escape on the building.

How the fire started will, perhaps, never be known. A corner on the eighth floor was its point of origin, and the three upper floors only were swept.

On the ninth floor fifty bodies were found; sixty-three or more persons were crushed to death by jumping, and more than thirty clogged the elevator shafts.

The loss to property will not exceed \$10,000.

**NEGRO IS LYNCHED.**

The Victim of the Mob Had Killed a White Farmer.

An unknown negro was lynched near Rockport, Miss., by a mob composed of about fifty men, after he had shot and killed Daniel Beasley, a white farmer, living a short distance from that place. The negro made his escape after the shooting, but was captured later by a posse and was being hurried to the town jail, when his captors were overtaken by the mob, which forced them to give up the prisoner. What led up to the shooting of Beasley has not yet been learned.

**"\$2,000.00"**

Mr. Luther Guthrie, of Beaufort, N. C. spent money freely in employing doctors to cure his wife from continual headache. He writes:

"One bottle of Cardui did my wife more good than any other medicine she has taken for ten years past. She had suffered with headache for ten years and I had spent \$300.00 for doctors' bills for her, but nothing did her any good."

Take **CARDUI**

She has taken two bottles of Cardui and it has done her two thousand dollars (\$2,000) worth of good. Just as long as it is made, I shall have Cardui in my home."

For all forms of female pain, like headache, side ache, pain in limbs, dizzy feelings, dragging down sensations, etc.—Cardui has been found to be an effective remedy. Don't wait till you are "all run down." Try Cardui at once. Sold everywhere.

**The Crime Maker.**

The Citizen.

No sane citizen of Alabama will come into our state agency that promotes crime and fosters criminals, and yet some are pharisaical enough to beg the question when it comes to legalizing the liquor traffic. A visit to our penal institutions or to sit for a few days in a court room will convince an investigator and searcher after the truth that the traffic in intoxicating liquors is the primal cause of a vast majority of the crime committed in our midst.

The chaplains of our penitentiaries testify to the truth of this statement. Judge on the bench reaffirm this utterance. Eighty per cent of Alabama's criminal classes getting the inspiration for their crime in alcoholic liquors. Good citizenship cannot hide behind their respectability and lodge responsibility. We are either for this crime-producing agency, or we are against it. There is no neutral ground in a great moral controversy of this character. We are either for the making of criminals or we are against the institution that makes them. Is your position clearly defined? If not, are you going to get God to help you make your right in his sight?

**For Sixteen Years**

Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. Has been used by millions of people with perfect satisfaction. For Coughs, colds, asthma and in fact all throat and bronchial troubles. The ingredients are on the carton. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey contains no habit producing drugs and always gives satisfaction. Look for the bull on the bottle.

**Every Bottle is Guaranteed**

Every bottle of Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is guaranteed to give satisfaction in all throat and bronchial troubles.

**26 LIVES LOST.**

Little Steamer is Swallowed Up Off Beecher Head, Vancouver.

The British Columbia Shipping Company's little wooden steamer Sechart, built for passenger service on an inland lake, turned turtle in a furious gale off Beecher Head, Vancouver Island, and went down with all on board, twenty-two passengers and the crew of four men. Thirteen passengers were landed at William Head just before the steamer went out to destruction. The passengers were railroad laborers, bound for a Canadian northern construction camp, but a few were residents of Seattle.

**Indian Saw Vessel Sink.**

Henry Charles, an Indian, of Rocky Point, was gathering wood on Beecher Head, and saw the Sechart as it struck and lay on her side. The craft had partly turned broadside to the wind, when she righted, then went over and lay on her side. The Indian watched the steamer ten minutes, and at the end of that time the vessel was swallowed up by the sea, leaving not a trace on the surface.

**RUSSIA NOT TRYING ON.**

Despite Denials of War, Warlike Moves Are Made.

Despite diplomatic denials of prospects of war between Russia and China, Russia is strengthening all her military posts in Manchuria. The commissary department is purchasing heavily. Reports from Vladivostok and Harbin say that passports have been withdrawn from all the army reserves to prevent their escaping service. Chinese are being driven out of Southern Russia.

**STRIKE THREATENED.**

Telegraphers on Illinois Central Are Dissatisfied.

It is said a general strike of the telegraphers employed by the Illinois Central railroad will be called on April 1 if the demands of the men for a 20 per cent. increase in wages is not granted, according to local representatives of the telegraphers. It was stated that a strike vote already had been taken, resulting in 95 per cent. of 1,600 telegraphers in favor of a strike if the demands are refused.

A conference is to be held in Chicago between H. B. Perham, of St. Louis, representing the telegraphers, and W. L. Park, general manager of the Illinois Central.

It is claimed by the telegraphers that the road has discharged more than 300 operators within the past few weeks.

The possessor of good health and retaining almost unimpaired faculties, Mrs. Marie Esther Sturgeon has celebrated her 104th birthday. It is said she has attended church regularly for 100 years. She resides at Muskegon, Mich.

**Wintersmith's Chili Tonic**

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Older and best cure for chills and malarial fevers of all kinds. With "chill cure" and "chill tonic" you get the "chill cure" and "chill tonic" that causes them—thus making the "chill cure" "breakers." No arsenic or other poisons, no injurious after effects; not bad to take.

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**Elba Public School.**

The Elba school will close on the evening of May 5th, 1911. The previous week will be mostly devoted to examinations and promotion of the pupils to higher classes. On Friday night, May 5th, the music and oratory classes will give their entertainment.

On Sunday morning, May 7th, the commencement sermon will be preached in the Methodist church by Rev. J. E. Ward, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Bainbridge, Ga.

On Monday morning, May 8th, at 10 o'clock Hon. Wm. H. Sanford, of Montgomery, will deliver the literary address.

The exercises of the graduating class, and awarding diplomas will constitute the program for Monday night, which will conclude the year's work.

**Singing at Dyess School House.**

Pursuant to the announcement the Sacred Harp singing society met at Dyess school house, April 2nd, at 2 o'clock p. m.

The class was called to order by the chairman with songs. Prayer by Rev. T. J. Brooks. Then a lesson by three, 10 minutes each; Ben Wood, Elory Wilson and Charlie Holmes. Recs 10 minutes.

Class called to order by chairman with music. A lesson by 5, two songs each; A. M. Caraway, V. M. Brooks, C. R. Tindol, H. Faust and J. M. Tindol. Closed by chairman with music, benediction and prayer by T. J. Brooks.

J. P. Patterson, chm., J. N. Hurston, sec'y.

**New Baptist Church Site.**

The D. D. Knight Place Agreed Upon.

Wednesday night at the regular conference the Baptist church selected the Knight place, the old D. C. Collins residence lot, for the location of the new church soon to be built.

There was much interest and zeal manifested at the meeting which was well attended.

Rev. D. P. Lee is working assiduously and faithfully for the erection of the new church and deserves much commendation for the success he has thus far attained.

A committee of three composed of Claude Riley, H. B. Bradley and Y. W. Rainer were appointed to negotiate the purchase of the lot selected.

Rev. D. P. Lee announced that on the third Sunday in this month books of subscription would be opened and a committee appointed to solicit additional subscriptions for the new building.

It is understood already that the subscriptions of many will be and there is no doubt about the success of the undertaking.

Many Methodists and Presbyterians attended the conference on Wednesday night and showed deep interest in the matter.

Rev. D. P. Lee will soon prepare plans and specifications for the new structure, and ere long the building will be in course of construction.

**Three Score and Ten Years Old Today.**

Mr. P. J. Ham, one of Elba's oldest and most prominent citizens, surrounded by his children, grand children, great-grand children and a few friends are having a family picnic today at the old Carroll place five miles north of Elba on the Troy road.

It has been the custom of the family to have, annually, a picnic at this place, which is the old home of Mr. Ham's first wife, now deceased, and they look forward to this occasion with happy anticipation, and this being his 70th birthday day which finds him hale and full of life and activity, is indeed a day of rejoicing for his family and friends.

The Clipper wishes him many happy birthday pinnies at this place which is hallowed with so many pleasant memories for him and his children.

**"Squire" Dawkins for Good Roads.**

Hon. W. D. Dawkins, of New Brockton, who is well known to the people of this county and who is public spirited and progressive, was in Elba this week, and while here discussed very freely and interestingly the subject of good roads for Coffee.

He argues the question in a rather novel and peculiar way. He says that Pike, Dale, Geneva and Covington counties, which fence in Coffee, are building good roads around Coffee and are going to "turn Coffee into a cow pasture."

He says we can't afford to sit idly by and permit such a condition. He sees great danger to the future progress and development of the county on account of a failure of Coffee to build good roads, and says that there is no alternative for Coffee now since good roads are being built by adjoining counties, and that Coffee must also build roads or suffer grave and serious consequences, and as he puts it in his characteristic way, "the turned in to a cow pasture."

He argues that Coffee is the best county in the state and that it ought to keep abreast with the progress of the times, and the needs of a great citizenship.

**ELECTION NOT CALLED.**

Commissioners Take No Action on Good Roads.

A conference of Coffee County citizens met the Commissioners' Court at Enterprise Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of urging action toward building good roads in the county. We learn that no action has yet been taken by the commissioners. The only way as everybody knows to build good roads is to float bonds for that purpose, and to do this the commissioners must first order an election on the question. Every body is in favor of good roads, and the farmers especially because they would be more directly benefited than any other class. They would realize benefits in the way of increased farm property, and economy of time, labor, vehicles and stock. Good roads would build up the rural districts and develop the country like railroads do in towns. Lands in a community would be much more valuable on account of good roads. The farmers are the people who need good roads worse than anybody, and they are entitled to have some of the money paid as taxes upon building good roads in their communities and from their homes to their markets, over which they must haul their fertilizers from, and their crops to market.

Live stock don't last in this country like they would if we had good roads. Farmers buy annually new beams, and thousands of dollars are wasted in teams every year. Good roads would result in much saving of such expenses.

But an erroneous idea is prevalent. Some say if bonds are floated for building good roads, taxes will be raised. This may do for politicians to tell to "fool" the people for awhile, but it won't stand the test of truth. If you will take time to examine the provisions of the law, or consult a lawyer who knows, you will learn that the constitution of Alabama allows 1-4 of one per cent of taxes, or in other words, 25c on each \$100.00 worth of taxable property, to be levied and collected for the purpose of building court houses and other public buildings, bridges and canals, and public roads. This limit cannot be passed.

For years Coffee county has been levying and collecting this tax. On the present assessment of Coffee it will amount to approximately \$10,000 annually. This tax heretofore has been applied to court houses and bridges, and none to roads except to some causeways.

New, if bonds are floated for the purpose of building good roads, these bonds will be paid out of this road fund and with this 1-4 of one per centum tax. If this money is not applied to building good roads for farmers, it will be spent as heretofore for other purposes.

The tax payer would not know the difference in tax burdens, but would easily realize the difference in benefits. Court houses, jails and bridges are made necessary, but they are not directly beneficial to the generality of the people, but good roads would most assuredly be. There is no difference in the taxes you pay, good roads or no good roads. This being true, what is the real sensible position to take?

Of course every body is against oppressive taxes, and if floating bonds meant this, we would not, by

**J. L. Mullins Dead.**

Mr. John L. Mullins died at his home on the Newton and Ozark road Tuesday morning at 12:30. March 21, 1911, after an illness of one week. Pneumonia was his undoing, and he suffered untold agonies even up to the time the breath left him.

Physicians did all that medical skill could do, while loving hands performed every work of comfort that tenderness could suggest. He was buried at the Lee graveyard a short distance from his home at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Deceased was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mullins who came early to Coffee county where they reared a large family to manhood and womanhood, all honorable and among the best citizens of the land. The subject of the sketch was a Confederate War Veteran having been a member of Company E. 15th, Alabama, the famous fighting regiment commanded by the lamented Oates. Having fought through to the end he returned home and was first married to Miss Theodocia, the beautiful daughter of the late John T. Lee by whom he had ten children. Of these I call to mind W. H. Mullins, post master at Elba, Mrs. M. Jackson of Waterford and a young son who is off studying telegraphy. After the death of the first wife he contracted a second marriage but leaves no children by the second wife.

John Mullins was a good man. This statement carries with it all the weight that a true christian citizenship means. Being a member of the Methodist church he was faithful to perform the vows he took at his altar, paid his honest debts, was kind to the poor and distressed, an affectionate husband and father, and no better neighbor than any man. Such a life of devotion to every cause of humanity and Christianity cannot fail of its reward. While we mourn after the flesh we rejoice in the faith that leads up to our Heavenly Father's throne where we expect to meet our departed friend some day. W. L. A.

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**Program of Fifth Sunday Meeting.**

To be held with Bethany Church April 30th.

Sunday A. M.

9:00 Prayer and Praise Service, J. D. Fuller.

6:30 Sunday Schools. (1) Status of in Coffee county. (2) What can we do to improve them? (3) How to learn more about the Sunday school work. J. A. Carney.

10:15 Christian Education. What is it? Are the Baptists of Alabama engaged in it? Where? Bro. H. H. Blackman and C. O. Helms.

10:45 What is a mission board. How are the members chosen? O. P. Bentley.

11:15 Sermon: P. L. Mosely.

12:15 Dinner.

1:30 Song and prayer. H. S. Wiskalls.

1:45 Necessity of grouping churches and locating pastors. O. P. Bentley and J. M. Hickman.

2:30 Should the country pastor attend the State and Southern Baptist Conventions? Should the churches send them? R. C. Conner.

3:00 Benediction.

Committee.

**A Good Roads Suggestion From Florida.**

Editor Clipper:—

I note from every issue of the Clipper that it is an exponent of good roads. It is a papers prerogative to talk good roads but the duty of county commissioners does not end with talking good roads; action is essential, if your county's progress and interest is to be fostered by them.

This county began work on an object lesson road of one mile in length last September. The work has never stopped, and we now have eight miles of as good hard surfaced road as is to be found anywhere. The county convict force is doing the work under the supervision of a competent man employed by the county commissioners.

If your commissioners are ready to act, and will file an application with L. W. Page, U. S. Director of Good Roads, Washington, D. C., the government will furnish without cost to your county, a competent man to superintend the building of one mile of road as an object lesson; and, in building, instruct those who care to learn, how to build good roads of the material available.

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